

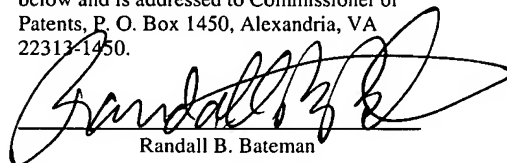


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RESPONSE TO DETAILED ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's comments in the Office Action dated July 6, 2005, Applicant notes that Figures 1 and 1(a) show the use of keyholes in the plates 104 and 108. Those same structures are now shown in Figure 3 in the plates 104 and 108, numbered in the same manner as the plates in Figures 1 and 1A. Therefore, Applicant submits those structures are understood by one ordinary to include the same structures previously identified.

With regard to the Examiner's statement that Figure 3 is identified as an alternate embodiment, this is so because the embodiment includes additional structures beyond those shown in Figures 1-2, namely the structure exposed above the facing strip 112. The remaining structures are the same and are numbered accordingly.

With respect to the space between the plates, this was draftman's error. Applicant has submitted a replacement sheet to correct the spacing to be consistent with that originally filed. However, Applicant submits that the spacing is not a critical

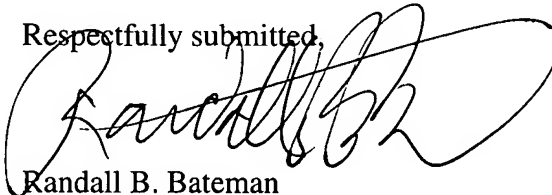
aspect of the invention. As shown in the drawings, the embodiment can include a space between plates 104 and 108, or a virtual lack of space. Whether there is a space would depend on the width of the facing strips and the backing strips.

In light of the above, it is requested that the Examiner proceeds with the examination of the claims and that claim 1 and the identified dependents properly read on Figure 3. If the Examiner maintains his position, he is requested to withdraw claim 1, etc. by Examiner's amendment. However, Applicant submits that Figure 3 discloses the subject matter of claim 1, etc., as it clearly shows the plates 104 and 108 which were previously identified as having the keyholes formed therein.

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Respectfully submitted,

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